set up of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level, and Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) at the village level. 26 FDA projects have been approved under NAP scheme at a total cost of Rs. 66.64 crores in Chhattisgarh State with the total project area of 37,489 hectare through 913 JFMCs.

Approval of schemes sent by Chhattisgarh

†919. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Water Resouces of Chhattisgarh has sent forest matters or schemes for the first phase sanction by Government of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken upto now in this direction and the time by when these are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Department of Water Resources of Chhattisgarh has submitted eighteen proposals for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the Central Government during last three years. Till date, in-principle approval has been given in respect of six proposals by the Ministry, one proposal is under examination in the Ministry and additional information in respect of remaining eleven proposals has been sought from the State Government. The status of the proposals approved in-principle, and those yet to be approved by the Ministry is given in the Statement.

Statement

Approval of Schemes sent by Chhattisgarh

Sl. No.	Name of the Proposal	Area (in ha.)	Status
1	2	3	4
1.	Bakori Tank Project	105.92	In-principle approval granted on 1.7.2004.
2.	Belora Tank Project	90.67	In-principle approval granted on 21.5.2004.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
3.	Minor Irrigation Project at Hardi village	2.759	In-principle approval granted on 9.8.2004.
4.	P.V. 103 Tank Project	95.93	In-principle approval granted on 2.1.2002
5.	Ratga Tank Project	3.82	In-principle approval granted on 12.4.2004.
6.	Silotta Irrigation Project	1.90	In-principle approval granted on 15.4.2004.
7.	Pachni Tank Scheme	43.747	Under process in the Ministry.
8.	Rajadera Tank Scheme	224.862	During site inspection the user agency has agreed to reduce the area to 194.112 ha. State Government has been requested on 22.9.2004, to provide girth-wise details and number of trees to be felled in 194.112 ha. and a revised scheme for Compensatory Afforestation over undemarcated forest area. The reply is still awaited.
9.	Barodih Tank Project	66.53	State Government has been requested to povide information about geographical area, forest land, private forest land, revenue and private land coming under definition of forests, balance land, other Government land, private land etc. on 17.2.2003. Reply is still awaited.

1	2	3	4
10.	Pairi Ghumar Irrigation Project	69.19	State Government has been requested to provide information about geographical area, forest land, private forest land, revenue and private land coming under definition of forests, balance land, other Government land, private land etc. on 5.5.2003. Reply is still awaited.
11.	Piper Chhedi Tank Scheme	174.506	State Government has been requested to provide information about geographical area, forest land, private forest land, revenue and private land coming under definition of forests, balance land, other Government land, private land etc. on 5.5.2003. Reply is still awaited.
12.	Kewati Tank Project	11.305	State Government has been requested on 18.12.2003, to provide revised compensatory scheme on non-forest land. Reply is awaited from State Government.
13.	Construction of Ganjiganja minor Irrigation Tank	14.08	State Government has been requested on 19.8.2004, to provide specy-wise and diameter class-wise number of trees to be felled and the district profile. Reply is awaited from State Government.

1	2	3	4
14.	Construction of Siaydehi Minor Irrigation Tank	23.28	State Government has been requested on 18.8.2004, to provide compensatory scheme on non-forest land/revenue forest land. Reply is awaited from State Government.
15.	Construction of Kanesar MI Tank in Chura	25.40	Government has been requested on 16.8.2004, to provide specy-wise and diameter class-wise number of trees to be felled district profile and map of the area showing the forest area to be diverted. Reply is awaited from State Government.
16.	Construction of Dam in Bagdi River	14.5	Government has been requested on 20.7.2004, to provide compensatory scheme on non-forest land/revenue forest land. Reply is awaited from State Government.
17.	Construction of Panwai Nala Diversion Project in Kurud Tehsil		Government has been requested on 19.10.2004, to provide details of alternatives explored, details of command area, specy- wise and girth class-wise details of trees to be felled, compensatory scheme on non-forest land/ revenue forest land and a note on violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Reply is awaited from State Government.

1	2	3	4
18.	Construction of Kharasia Branch Canal under Minimata Hasdeo Bango Project	8.53	State Government has been requested on 9.9.2004, to provide details of proposed length and width of canal, certificate that the proposed non-forest land is not forest land as per the Supreme Court's order dated 12.12.1996 or undemarcated protected forest or revenue forest, species-wise and girth class-wise list of trees to be felled, compensatory scheme with map showing land identified for the purpose, note on violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, site inspection report of the Dy. Conservator of Forests, Raigarh with comments on violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Reply is awaited from State Government.

Import of harmful genetically modified soya oil

920. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that genetically modified soya oil which is being imported from foreign countries is harmful to health;

(b) whether opinion of health experts has been ascertained; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to ban the import of such oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Ministry has not received any adverse report regarding the harmful impact of genetically modified soya oil on human health.

(c) Does not arise.